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PROVENANCE

These papers were transferred to the University of Pennsylvania Archives and Records Center from the Mask & Wig Clubhouse (310 South Quince Street; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) by club historian John Dixon Bartle, in December 1975.

ARRANGEMENT

The documents for the Mask & Wig Club productions are arranged in seven series and include: Scripts (1890-1965), Scores (1889-1964), Lyrics (1891-1949), Miscellaneous (1897-1967), Photos (1889-1937), Photo Albums (1902-1910) and Programs (1889-1989). All series are arranged chronologically.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Mask & Wig Club was founded in 1889 by Clayton Fotteral McMichael as an all - male performance group. In that year, a notice posted in College Hall urged students to try out for

the new club, concluding with the Henry VI line "Defer no time; delays have dangerous ends." Prompted by this unofficial motto, the Mask & Wig Club staged their first production, *Lurline*, at the Chestnut Street Opera House. Since then, the "Wiggers" have annually entertained the University of Pennsylvania community with their burlesques and original revues.

Productions are musical comedies which often satirize current events and University life. Mask & Wig members and alumni write, produce and direct each show, and design the elaborate stage props and costumes. Wiggers play both male and female roles, accounting for much of the humor of the skits. The highlight of the year is either a Thanksgiving or Easter production, when the Club performs in Philadelphia and tours several cities to act for alummni and friends.

Rehearsals and social activities often take place at the Mask & Wig Clubhouse at Quince Street. Purchased as a stable in 1894, the Clubhouse was remodeled and includes an auditorium with stage and dressing rooms, a grill room, office and kitchen.

The Club has donated much money to the University, both for general funds and such student organizations as the football and crew teams, Glee Club and Debating Team. The largest contributions helped endow a chair in the Dramatic Arts, aided the purchase of the Provost's House, and established the Mask & Wig's McMichael dormitory, which is located in the lower section of the Quadrangle.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Mask & Wig Club documents chronicle the history of the all-male University of Pennsylvania singing and dramatics organization. Included are production materials from 1889 to 1989.

Scripts represent published booklets of each show's dialogue. Scores consist of published and handwritten orchestrations for the pit orchestra, primarily violin and piano music. Lyrics include bound booklets of each show's tunes; many were written by University and Mask & Wig alumnus Charles Gilpin. The section of miscellaneous documents includes programs and lyrics for special alumni and freshman performances, rules governing the McMichael dormitory and a book chronicling the organization's history from 1889 to 1941.

The photos for each show portray Mask & Wig performers in costume; they include individual and group pictures taken at a professional studio and on stage. The photo albums consist of the same material. Oversize photographs are stored separately.

Finally, the program collection includes bound and illustrated brochures describing each production. Programs include a short synopsis of the play, photographs of the production, a cast of characters and biographical descriptions of the Club's current board members. In addition, each program includes a listing of all Club alumni and previous productions to date.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- University of Pennsylvania. -- General subdivision--Students.;

Subject(s)

- College musicals--University of Pennsylvania.
- College theater--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
- Student activities--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

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The House that Jack Built 1898	1	7
Captain Kidd, U.S.N. 1899	1	8
Mr. Aguinaldo of Manila 1900	1	9
Ba, Baa Black Sheep! 1901	1	10
Old King Cole 1902	1	11
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Maid in Germany 1913	1	23
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Paradise Prison 1915	1	25
Whoa - Phoebe! 1916	1	26
Mr. Rip Van Winkle 1917	1	27
The Bridal Not 1918	1	28
Don Quixote, Esq. 1920	1	29
Somebody's Lion 1921	1	30
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Easy Pickins 1934	2	10
Drums Fortissimo 1935	2	11
This Mad Whirl 1936	2	12
Red Rhumba 1936	2	13
Fifty-fifty 1937	2	14
All Around the Town 1939	2	15
Great Guns 1939	2	16
Paoli Local 1942	2	17
Hep to the Beat 1945	2	18
Chris Crosses 1946	2	19
John Paul Jones 1946	2	20
Juleo and Romiet 1947	2	21
Alaska Right Away 1948	2	22
Doctor, Dear Doctor 1951	2	23
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Captain Kidd, U.S.N. 1899	3	14
Mr. Aguinaldo of Manila 1900	3	15
Ba, Baa Black Sheep 1901	4	1

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Merely a Monarch 1909	4	9
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Miss Helen of Troy 1912	4	12
Maid in Germany 1913	4	13
The Royal Arms 1914	4	14
Paradise Prison 1915	4	15
Whoa-Phoebe! 1916	4	16
Mr. Rip Van Winkle 1917	4	17
The Bridal Not 1918	5	1
The Revue of Revues 1919	5	2
Don Quixote, Esq. 1920	5	3
Somebody's Lion 1921	5	4
Somebody's Lion 1921, cont.'d	5	4
Tell Tales 1922	5	5
Here's Howe 1922	5	6
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Tarantella 1928	5	13
This Way Out 1929	5	14
John Faust, Ph.D. 1930	5	15
John Faust, Ph.D. 1930	5	16
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Ruff Neck 1932	5	19
Out of the Blues 1933	5	20
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This Mad Whirl 1936	6	2
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Sorry, Charlie, Your Time is Up 1964	7	15

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Kenilworth 1895	8	3
No Gentleman of France 1896	8	4
The House that Jack Built 1898	8	5
Captain Kidd, U.S.N. 1899	8	6
Mr. Aguinaldo of Manila 1900	8	7
Old King Cole 1902	8	8
Sir Robinson Crusoe 1903	8	9
Herr Lohengrin 1907	8	10
Somebody's Lion Act II 1921	8	11
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Mr. Aguinaldo of Manila 1900	9	17
Ba, Baa Black Sheep 1901	10	1
Old King Cole 1902	10	2
Sir Robinson Crusoe 1903	10	3
Alice in Anotherland 1904	10	4
Alice in Anotherland 1904	10	5
Mr. Hamlet of Denmark 1905	10	6
Shylock and Co., Bankers 1906	10	7
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Maid in Germany 1913	10	14
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Paradise Prison 1915	10	16
Whoa-Phoebe! 1916	10	17
Mr. Rip Van Winkle 1917	10	18
The Bridal Not 1918	10	19
Revue of Reviews 1919	10	20
Don Quixote, Esq. 1920	10	21
Somebody's Lion 1921	10	22
Tell Tales 1922	10	23
Here's Howe 1923	10	24
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Joan of Arkansas 1925	10	26
Hoot Mon! 1927	10	27
Tarantella 1928	10	28
This Way Out 1929	10	29
East Lynne Gone West 1931	10	30
Ruff Neck 1932	10	31
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Shylock and Co., Bankers #3 1906	12A	1
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Red Rhumba 1936	15	5
This Mad Whirl 1936	15	6
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The Royal Arms - 1914 (1 photograph)	OS 2	3
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Uncle Sam's Ditch - 1918 (1 photograph)	OS 2	5
That's That - 1924 (3 photographs)	OS 2	6
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This Way Out - 1929 (6 photographs)	OS 2	8
John Faust, Ph.D. - 1930 (1 photograph)	OS 2	9
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